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SUBJECT: GENERAL DURAN'S REQUEST FOR FASTER DELIVERY OF
ARMY WEAPONS

REF: A. QUITO MSG 292200Z JUN 77
B. DA MSG DALO-ILP 161922Z JUNE 77 TO USMLO (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE CLOSELY REVIEWED ECUADOR'S REQUEST FOR
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ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF RECOILLESS RIFLES AND 155MM
HOWITZERS. HOWEVER, THERE IS LITTLE POSITIVE ACTION THAT
CAN BE TAKEN TO UTILIZE ASSETS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE
FROM CANCELLATION OF OTHER SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS
WITHOUT AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER BY ECUADOR. AS YOU
KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO REF B RELATIVE TO OUR
OFFER TO MAKE EARLY DELIVERY (90-120 DAYS) OF 26 EACH

106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES. WE TRANSMITTED THE OFFER COVERING WEAPONS AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS TO THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR ON 20 APR 77. THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THIS OFFER WAS 8 JULY 77.

2. AVAILABILITY ON THE FMS CASE WAS QUOTED AT NORMAL LEAD-TIMES. THE ARMY'S ON-HAND ASSETS (I.E., ASSETS REQUIRED BY THE US ARMY) CAN NOT BE SUPPLIED. EVERY CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER, IS BEING GIVEN TO ECUADOR AS ITEMS BECOME AVAILABLE FROM UNEXPECTED SOURCES, SUCH AS THE 26 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES CITED IN REF B. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE 360 90MM RECOILLESS RIFLES CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE ON AN ACCELERATED BASIS DUE TO A CANCELLATION BY ANOTHER SECURITY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT. DELIVERY TO ECUADOR CAN BE MADE APPROXIMATELY 9-12 MONTHS IN LIEU OF 42 MONTHS AFTER LOA SIGNED.

3. DIVERSION OF ABOVE MENTIONED ASSETS TO ECUADOR CANNOT BE AUTHORIZED WITHOUT GOE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CASE AND COMPLETION OF FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS.

4. THE HOWITZER, 155MM, M114A1 (TOWED), IS NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION, NOR IS FUTURE PROCUREMENT PLANNED. THE US ARMY IS BELOW ITS AUTHORIZED ACQUISITION OBJECTIVE. ON-HAND ASSETS ARE REQUIRED BY THE US ARMY AND CANNOT BE SUPPLIED TO FILL INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS.

5. DELIVERY OF A SMALL NUMBER OF EACH ITEM, SOME 2 OR 4
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EVERY MONTH OR TWO AS SUGGESTED BY THE USMLO, IS NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE, SINCE ASSETS ARE DELIVERED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, AND MATERIEL IS NOT AVAILABLE "OFF THE SHELF". DELIVERIES ARE GOVERNED BY REBUILD AND MANUFACTURING SCHEDULES. AS YOU KNOW, PROCUREMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF A FOREIGN MILITARY SALE IS NOT AUTHORIZED. CONTRACTS FOR PROCUREMENT AND ACTION TO PERFORM REBUILD ARE NEGOTIATED AFTER THE RECEIPT OF A FIRM REQUIREMENT.

6. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE CASES COVERING THE AMMUNITION ARE IN PROCESS OF COMPLETION AND STAFFING. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THESE OFFERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR WITHIN THE NEXT 15 DAYS. DELIVERY OF 3390 ROUNDS OF 106MM HEAT AMMUNITION CAN BE MADE IN 90 TO 120 DAYS.

7. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW ECUADOR'S REQUIREMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE DELIVERIES. HOWEVER, AS IN THE CASE OF ALL COUNTRIES, WE AGAIN POINT OUT THAT NO POSITIVE ACTION TO EXPEDITE DELIVERIES CAN BE MADE UNTIL OFFERS ARE ACCEPTED BY THE FOREIGN CUSTOMER.

8. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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